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Applicants: *Nicosia A. et al.*

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For: MIMOTOPES OF HYPERVARIABLE  
REGION 1 OF THE E2 GLYCOPROTEIN  
OF HCV AND USES THEREOF

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, mailed September 8, 2004,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

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